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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1 1-15. (cancelled).

1 16. (new) A process for protecting a software product, sent from a server computer to a  
2 computer, from unauthorized usage, the process comprising the steps of:  
3 generating a first set of parameters from the computer before the software product  
4 is sent to the computer,  
5 sending the first set of parameters to the server computer before the software  
6 product is sent to the computer,  
7 creating, at the server computer, a single value from the first set of parameters be-  
8 fore the software product is sent to the computer,  
9 encrypting, at the server computer, the software product by using the single value  
10 as the encryption key,  
11 sending the encrypted software product to the computer,  
12 encrypting, at the server computer, the single value by using members of the first  
13 set of parameters as encryption keys,  
14 sending the set of encrypted single values to the computer,  
15 generating a second set of parameters from the computer,  
16 decrypting members of the set of encrypted single values using members of the  
17 second set of parameters as decryption keys, and  
18 decrypting the encrypted software product by using the single value as the de-  
19 cryption key.

1 17. (new) The process of claim 16 wherein the software product comprises data files or  
2 streaming data or both.

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1 18. (new) A process for protecting a software product, sent from a server computer to a  
2 computer, from unauthorized usage, the process comprising the steps of:  
3 generating a first set of parameters from the computer before the software product  
4 is sent to the computer,  
5 sending the first set of parameters to the server computer,  
6 creating, at the server computer, a single value from the first set of parameters,  
7 encrypting, at the server computer, the single value using members of the first set  
8 of parameters as encryption keys,  
9 sending the set of encrypted single values to the computer,  
10 sending the software product to the computer,  
11 generating a second set of parameters from the computer,  
12 decrypting, at the computer, members of the set of encrypted single values by us-  
13 ing members of the second set of parameters as decryption keys, and  
14 authorizing access to the software product at the computer.

1 19. (new) The process of claim 18 wherein the software product comprises data files or  
2 streaming data or both.

1 20. (new) The process of claim 18 further comprising the step wherein if the said de-  
2 cryption yields a number of identical single values, then  
3 authorizing access to the software product at the computer.

1 21. (new) A process for restricting a software product, downloaded from a server com-  
2 puter to a computer, to only execute on the computer comprising, the process comprising  
3 the steps of:  
4 encrypting, at the server computer, the software product using a first encryption  
5 key created from a first set of data collected from the computer,

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6        encrypting, at the server computer, the first encryption key by using the first set of  
7        data as the encryption key,  
8        downloading the encrypted first encryption key to the computer,  
9        downloading the encrypted software product to the computer,  
10        requesting access to the encrypted software product at the computer, and in re-  
11        sponse thereto, generating a second set of data from the computer,  
12        decrypting the encrypted first encryption key using the second set of data as the  
13        decryption key,  
14        decrypting the encrypted software product by using the resultant of said decryp-  
15        tion of the encrypted first encryption key as the decryption key.

1        22. (new) The process of claim 21 wherein the software product comprises data files or  
2        streaming data or both.

1        23. (new) A process for protecting a software product, sent from a server computer to a  
2        computer, from unauthorized usage, the process comprising the steps of:  
3        encrypting, at the server computer, the software product before it has been sent to  
4        the computer by using a first set of data collected from the computer as the encryption  
5        key,  
6        sending the encrypted software product to the computer, requesting access to the  
7        encrypted software product at the computer, and in response thereto, generating a second  
8        set of data from the computer, and  
9        decrypting the encrypted software product by using the second set of data as the  
10        decryption key.

1        24. (new) The process of claim 23 wherein the software product comprises data files or  
2        streaming data or both.

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1 25. (new) A process for protecting a software product, sent from a server computer to a  
2 computer, from unauthorized usage, the process comprising the steps of:  
3       generating a first set of parameters from the computer before the software product  
4 is sent to the computer,  
5       sending the first set of parameters to the server computer,  
6       creating, at the server computer, a single value from the first set of parameters,  
7       encrypting, at the server computer, the single value by using members of the first  
8 set of parameters as the encryption keys,  
9       sending the set of encrypted single values to the computer,  
10       sending the software product to the computer,  
11       generating a second set of parameters from the computer,  
12       decrypting members of the set of encrypted single values by using members of the  
13 second set of parameters as the decryption keys, and  
14 authorizing the execution of the software product on the computer.

1 26 (new) The process of claims 25 further comprising the step wherein if the said de-  
2 cryption yields a number of identical single values, then  
3       authorizing the execution of the software product on the computer.

1 27. (new) The process of claim 25 wherein the software product comprises data files or  
2 streaming data or both.

1 28. (new) A process for protecting a software product from unauthorized usage by  
2 authenticating a computer before the software product is downloaded from a server com-  
3 puter to the computer, the process comprising the steps of:  
4       executing a license agreement by a user for the software product for the computer,  
5 before the software product is downloaded to the computer,  
6       generating a first set of parameters from the computer before the software product  
7 is downloaded to the computer,

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8        sending the first set of parameters to the server computer before the software  
9 product is downloaded to the computer,  
10        generating a second set of parameters from the computer,  
11        sending the second set of parameters to the server computer before the software  
12 product is downloaded to the computer,  
13        comparing, at the server computer, the first set of parameters to the second set of  
14 parameters, and  
15        starting the download of the software product to the computer.

1    29. (new) The process of claim 28 wherein the software product comprises data files or  
2    streaming data or both.

1    30. (new) The continuing process of claim 28 further comprising the steps of: if the said  
2    download fails or is paused,  
3        generating a third set of parameters from the computer,  
4        sending the third set of parameters to the server computer,  
5        comparing, at the server computer, the third set of parameters with the first or  
6    second set of parameters stored at the server, and  
7        resuming the download of the software product to the computer.

1    31. (new) The process of protecting a software product from unauthorized usage, sent  
2    from a server computer to a computer, the process comprising the steps of:  
3        generating a set of data from the computer before the software product is sent to  
4    the computer,  
5        sending the set of data to the server computer before the software product is sent to  
6    the computer,  
7        encrypting, at the server computer, the software product by using an encryption  
8    key created from the set of data,  
9        sending the encrypted software product to the computer,

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10 generating a second set of data from the computer, and  
11 decrypting the encrypted software product by using a decryption key created from  
12 the second set of data.

1 32. (new) The process of claim 31 wherein the software product comprises data files or  
2 streaming data or both.

1 33. (new) The process of protecting a software product from unauthorized usage, the  
2 software product downloaded from a server computer to a first computer and moved to a  
3 second computer, comprising the steps of:  
4 executing a license agreement by a user for the software product for the first com-  
5 puter before the software product is sent to the first computer,  
6 generating a set of parameters on the first computer before the software product is  
7 sent to the first computer,  
8 sending the set of parameters to the server computer before the software product  
9 is sent to the first computer,  
10 downloading the software product to the first computer,  
11 executing software product on the first computer,  
12 moving said software product to a second computer,  
13 requesting access to the software product, and in response thereto, generating a  
14 first set of parameters from the second computer, and  
15 not authorizing the execution of the software product on the second computer.

1 34. (new) The process of claim 33 wherein the software product comprises data files or  
2 streaming data or both.

1 35. (new) The continuing process of claim 34 further comprising the step of:  
2 displaying a message to the user.

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- 1 36. (new) The continuing process of claim 34 further comprising the step of:  
2 automatically notifying the vendor.